

# HAVURAT YISRAEL WEEKLY NEWS

22 Heshvan 5778

Shabbat Chaye Sara

November 10—11, 2017

## Shabbat Shalom!

4:24 pm Candle Lighting  
4:30 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat

Torah reading p. 106 / Haftorah p. 1136  
8:45 Mishnayot Study  
9:00 am Shacharit  
10:01 am Latest Shema  
11:00 am Drasha — Rabbi Algaze  
11:15 am No Beginners Minyan this week  
3:45 pm Gemara Shiur — Rabbi Algaze  
4:20 pm Mincha  
5:23 pm Maariv, Havdalah

**Kiddush** is sponsored by Tamara & Rabbi David Algaze commemorating the Yahrzeit of the Rabbi's father, Yaakov Algaze Z"L.

**Seudah Shlisheet** -Sponsorship available.

## Upcoming Sponsorships!

- ☆ November 18
  - ☆ Debbie & David Sosnowik and Sarah & Saul Schwartz (Kiddush)
  - ☆ Shulie & Jack Goldhaber (Seudah Shlisheet)
- ☆ November 25 Ephraim Grossbein (Kiddush)
- ☆ December 16 Rafi Katz and Michelle & Larry Polonetsky (Kiddush)

Be a sponsor to celebrate a Simcha, commemorate a Yahrzeit, or for any occasion!

**Tzetzchem L'Shalom** to Rabbi and Tamara Algaze who are traveling to Israel this week.

**Welcome New Member** Ruth Finkelstein.

## Thanks!

- ☆ Seymour Kaplan for a contribution in memory of Rabbi Algaze's father.
- ☆ Gloria for arranging the breakfast every Sunday and thanks to Yossef, Naomi and Chanah for their help and Mehran for his generous donation to the Breakfast Fund.
- ☆ Roni Mossiyov for the presentation of a great movie last Motzei Shabbat.

## We're looking for a few good men!

HY is not a spectator sport! We need more men to step up to the Amud and learn to lead the services. Please contact the Rabbi or Gabbaim.

## THE KOL NIDRE APPEAL IS STILL OPEN- WAITING FOR YOU

This **Kol Nidre Appeal** surpassed even our best expectations. As the congregation was made aware that Havurat had incurred a serious deficit last year, they responded with extraordinary generosity and love. The contributions started at \$10,000 and many donations exceeded the \$1,000 mark. To our great amazement there were many people who doubled or tripled their pledges from last year. This augurs well for the financial health and future of Havurat. This Honor Roll reflects all donors above \$500 but we are grateful for all who contributed so graciously and with open hearts. The Appeal is still open and we will continue publishing it until Hanukkah. If you have not yet made a pledge or if you would like to increase it and join our Honor Roll, there is still ample time.

Although many members have contributed already, we are counting on ALL our members to feel the responsibility to donate to this campaign.

**IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS LIST, WHY NOT?  
AND IF NOT NOW, WHEN??**

## Kol Nidre Honor Roll (still open for additions)

Rabbi David & Tamara Algaze	Seymour Kaplan
David & Rachelle Alkalay	Rafi Katz
Eileen Alter	Carol Krohn
Mehran & Rachel Arasheben	Roger & Jeanine Mashih
Shoshi Bacon	Louis & Rachel Ordentlich
Abigail Barrios	Gloria Pereira
Ruth & David Better	Lyah Quit
Marleny Blanco & Alex Salazar	Gary & Emily Rabinowitz
Michael Blau	Andrew & Miri Radin
Nikolay Burt	Jerry & Jennifer Revich
Gary & Yael Emmanuel	Miriam Rickard
Betty Feit	Marc & Karen Rose
Jack & Shulie Goldhaber	Stuart & Judy Rosen
Gary Goldman	Arlene Ross
Lou & Rita Gutnicki	David & Biana Ryzkin
David & Renee Hirsch	Fanny Seinuk
Michael & Sarah Jabbour	Mark & Gail Silverman
Bruce & Miriam Jacobs	David & Debbie Sosnowik
Michael & Alice James	Daniel & Carol Yaghoubian

SUNDAY Nov. 12 / 23 Heshvan	MONDAY Nov. 13 / 24 Heshvan	TUESDAY Nov. 14 / 25 Heshvan	WEDNESDAY Nov. 15 / 26 Heshvan	THURSDAY Nov. 16 / 27 Heshvan	FRIDAY Nov. 17 / 28 Heshvan
7:30 am Amud Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit  9:30 am NO Torah Class in Spanish -Rabbi Algaze	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit 2:00 pm Mincha  8:00 pm Rabbi Algaze's Shiur at the Ordentlich will not meet this week. Next shiur November 27	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit 2:00 pm Mincha  7:30 pm Parasha Class with Rabbi Algaze will not meet this week—resumes November 28.	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit 2:00 pm Mincha	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit 2:00 pm Mincha	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit  4:18 pm Candle Lighting 4:25 pm Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat

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## THE MAGICAL LAND

By Rabbi David Algaze

*"Let him grant me the Cave of Machpela...let him grant it to me for its full price, in your midst, as an estate for a burial site." (Beresheet 23:9)*

At a moment of deep sadness, after his life companion and loved wife left this world, Abraham is confronted by a discomforting problem: where to bury Sarah? Although he had been promised emphatically by G-d that the land was going to be his, from the sea to the Euphrates, and in spite of the fact that he was held in high regard by his neighbors, nevertheless he remains a man without a land—even a small plot wherein to inter the remains of his spouse.

The lengthy scene that follows, the forced courtesy, the fixed negotiation ritual and the veiled denials and circumlocutions that appear when Abraham requests to purchase the Cave of Machpela add more poignancy to the moment. Why was Abraham subjected to this emotional rollercoaster right after the loss of his wife? Why was Abraham pleading, almost supplicating to obtain a burial plot in the land that had been clearly been promised to him by G-d?

Our Rabbis explain that this was an additional trial for Abraham meant to demonstrate and display his trust in G-d's promise even as circumstances seemed to belie it. He did not simply rely on the promise and stayed passive about it. On the contrary, Abraham puts all his energies towards possessing the land, even by paying a large sum for it. His love of the land was so great that he did not hesitate in his effort nor bewail his fate and impotence. Even though G-d had promised the land to him, he made the effort himself and proceeded to initiate the Jewish people's inheritance of the land through his own endeavor. This is a lesson to his descendants that although the land has been promised to us, we must strive and struggle to possess the land with our own efforts and not just wait for some heavenly phenomenon to do the job for us. He who desires something passionately will not wait for others to hand it to him.

The Torah teaches us the profound significance that the Land of Israel had in the minds of our ancestors. Abraham's exertion to secure the land for himself, his forbidding Isaac to leave the land, Jacob's and the Tribes' desire to be buried in Eretz Israel are clear proofs of the important role that this land has in the life of the Jewish people for ever. The land of Israel is not like any other land; it is not a piece of earth in a geographical area. Israel is a land of special characteristics that partakes more of the Heaven than of the Earth. Maimonides writes, "Whoever resides in Eretz Israel—his sins are forgiven...even if he merely walks upon it four cubits, he merits life eternal. He who is buried in the land, his sins are forgiven. It is as if his tomb were an altar of atonement as it says, "His land shall forgive His people" (Deuteronomy 32:43)..."

Of all the forefathers, Isaac is the one who is most attached to the Land. While Abraham comes from another land and needs to leave Israel from time to time to show that his influence is universal and transcends boundaries, and Jacob goes into exile to prepare the way for his people's fate after him—Isaac never leaves the land of Israel. He is the one who plants

orchards, digs wells, sows in times of famine and reaps a hundredfold, (me'a she'arim)—Isaac is the role model for the Jew who resides in Israel.

Israel is a magical land, where miracles occur every day. This is the lesson that Abraham teaches us and the heritage he bequeathed his offspring. Eretz Israel is a precious land for which it is good to sacrifice everything and to exert ourselves with selfless devotion. This is the work being performed every day by countless children of Abraham in the land of Israel, purchasing, sowing, digging and building because of their love for this magical land. We who live outside of Eretz Israel can do no less in preserving her security, defending her from her foes and always advocating and praying for her wellbeing. In this electoral cycle, we can do no less than carefully considering the candidates and supporting those who would be best for Israel. We should not be ashamed of asking, as my grandmother used to ask, "Is he good for the Jews?"

**Mark Your Calendar!** 31st Annual HY Ski Shabbaton will take place Jan. 17—21 at the Gray Ghost Inn, Mount Snow, Vermont!

### HAVURAT YISRAEL PRESENTS

#### Talk & Meet Event

#### *The Keys of Happiness*

*And interactive lecture and discussion with  
Rabbi David Algaze*

SATURDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 9TH 8 PM

Ages 30's -50's

WINE & CHEESE WILL BE SERVED

*In order to make sure that the venue is properly prepared. RSVP are greatly appreciated. \$20 Pre – registered or \$30 at door.*

**To RSVP please email us at: [havurat18@yahoo.com](mailto:havurat18@yahoo.com) or call us at: 718-261-5500. Payment options: Cash / Card / PayPal**

### WHAT ABOUT THE SINGLES WE KNOW?

The Jewish people are suffering from the hectic pace of modern life and the loss of communities. Consequently, young people find it difficult to find the proper mate, especially when one is looking for an observant person. We owe to the singles of our community that we attempt to the best of our abilities to help them find suitable spouses. This is not just the job of shadchanim or left to the accidental and unplanned occasion when we think of a match for someone we know. We should all dedicate some time from our busy lives to scan all the single people we know and try to communicate with others to help THEM.

On **Saturday December 9** we are planning a big event in Havurat. It would be sad if we get too few people attending or if there will be more women than men. Please do not ignore this notice and find some time to get a single person come to this event. *Make a phone call, persuade someone, try to find a match.* If you need any help or information, please contact Rita Gutnicki or Ronni Pinto Mossiyof. It is a big mitzvah! The Midrash says that even hashem is busy making shidduchim. Won't you want to be a partner of our Creator?

**Refuah Shlema** Shmuel Zanvil ben Tila Mina, Alte Ester Riva bat Devorah Shifra (Eileen Alter), Naomi Malka bat Hoshana Leah, Dvora bat Edith, Rafael David ben Zeld, Shifra bat Yetta, Moshe ben Yehudit, Erella bat Zahava, Uhd ben Techiya, Avraham ben Arlene, Mina Chana bat Sara Feyga, Sheyna bat Henna, Tinok ben Chana Rivka